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6. *It’s more difficult to forgive yourself if the person you have hurt doesn’t forgive you.*

Throughout life one has been taught to seek to please none other than oneself in achieving the goals that have been set by us for ourselves. Therefore, why should the opinions of others pertaining to ourselves affect us in the least? Should anyone else impede you in attaining what you seek, forcing you to find another path; for simply because they do not agree with you does not mean in the very least that it is incorrect. The same applies to those whom refuse to forgive you for a past wrong. If you feel that you have done all you possibly could in order to achieve repentance and more than compensated for the act, then why should it matter to you if any other blinds themselves to your positive actions with respect to that wrong. For instance, let us say that you were to take something from a friend without permission, but did so with good intentions, and they were to discover what you did; as a result, they became upset with you and no longer trusted you with absolutely anything. They refuse to listen to your pleas as you insist that it was done with good intentions, therefore you decide to prove to them your trustworthiness. You slowly but surely demonstrate your true merit of trust in small actions, slowly preserving absolutely every secret they share without fail, guarding their belongings in their absence, and much more. Despite all of this, your friend still refuses to forgive you for what you did and insists that it shall never be pardoned. Would you truly, knowing that you had a good reason in doing what you did and have already more than made up for it, still refuse to forgive yourself for that one comparatively minor error? Of course you would not; if your friend simply refuses to reason, and you are aware his injustice in denying you this opportunity, then there is nothing preventing you from forgiving yourself. So long as you know that you have more than made up for your actions and are not even convinced that they were wrong in the first place, then there is no need to torment yourself over this thought any longer. The person you had once hurt is obviously more than over the difficulties he was to face due to your actions, and any attempt to further relinquish his discomfort should be done in the intention of assisting our own conscience in reaching a peace with yourself. I repeat, their views affect you in no manner what so ever, and any obstacle inflicted upon you as a result of any remediated wrong should serve as not a cause for guilt, but as one for weary views upon their behavior. In doing this they are the ones wronging you, forcing you to needlessly suffer as you may have once done to them. Taking this into consideration, whom has now become the one truly in need of seeking forgiveness?